

October 4, 1943

Montgomery County News  
by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Oct. 3

County organizations are currently holding elections of new officers to serve in 1943-44. Among those reporting new officers to date are:

Grady-Dublin Civic Club: Mrs. Larry Lee, president; Mrs. Rufus Fannin, vice-president; Mrs. C. D. Keener, secretary-treasurer.

Pinedale Civic Club: All officers were reelected as follows: Mrs. Berney Brannan, president; Mrs. James McInnis, first vice-president; Mrs. Charles N. Putnam, second vice-president; Mrs. James Stoner, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Cecil Eagerton, Jr., parliamentarian.

LeGrand Civic Club: Mrs. John Sneed, president; Mrs. Rex Underwood, vice-president; Mrs. R. F. Carr, secretary-treasurer.

Snowdoun Methodist Youth Fellowship; Jimmy Moseley, president; Carolyn Faulkner, vice-president; Margaret Sellers, secretary; Mary Hobbie, treasurer; Sara Avant, worship chairman; John Hawthorne, publicity chairman; Elizabeth Hobbie, recreation chairman; Jule Hawthorne, world friendship chairman.

Snowdoun Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. Frank McLean, president; Mrs. John P. Curry, vice-president; Mrs. John Adkin Walter, secretary; Mrs. Crump M. Stowers, treasurer.

Chisholm P. T. A.: Mrs. S. J. Till, president; Mrs. William Martin, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. McAlester, secretary; Mrs. Earl Bruner, treasurer; Mrs. Zora Gumpf, publicity chairman; Mrs. M. S. Chisholm, round-up chairman; Mrs. P. C. Ellis, study group chairman; Mrs. Alice Timmerman, recreation chairman; Mrs. Snell, magazine subscriptions; Mrs. Carl Cox, telephone chairman; Mrs. Myrtle May, budget and finance chairman.

Montgomery County High School Student Defense Council: Fontella Wingard, president; Jerry Underwood, first vice-president; Haywood Cosby, second vice-president; Margaret Tompkins, secretary; class representatives: Kay Collier, first grade; Dianne Wood, second grade; Shirley Norman, third grade; Charles Stephens, fourth grade; Janie Lou Bigger, sixth grade, Mary Ann Langley and Charles Mathews, seventh grade; Edward Ford and Teddy Paludan, eighth grade; Franklin Mosley and Joy Dees, ninth grade; Mary Ola Ford and Richard Webster, 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Luther Mills, Willis Bell and Charles Miller, 11<sup>th</sup> grade; Hazel Reynolds and Dennis Pouncey, 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Catoma P. T. A.: Mrs. J. D. Baggett, president; Mrs. E. P. Young, vice-president; Mrs. B. B. Howard, secretary; E. P. Young, treasurer; Mrs. R. B. Shelburne, auditor; Mrs. Clyde Gordon, parliamentarian.

Montgomery County vignette: A graduate of Montgomery County High School and leader in 4-H club work in school and county she was winner of the State trip to the National 4-H Camp in Washington, she went to visit in New York City, remained to take a business position and continued there for four years. She then took a traveling position with Meister Brothers of New York and Cleveland, teaching operators of their monogram machines in department stores in the Middle West.

On July 4, 1942, while stationed in Houston, Texas, she married A. T. Campbell, a defense work official in that city, and to them on Aug. 16, 1943, was born a daughter whom they have named Kathleen. She is the former Clara Ellen Paulk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Paulk, of Chesser community.

Miss Beatrice Hicks of Dublin was appointed last week to the position of assistant county home agent in Limestone County with headquarters at Athens. She began her new duties Friday as assistant to Mrs. Lola C. Sides, county home agent.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Dorothy Norman and Ernestine Tucker are two more county girls accepting positions in Montgomery with the State . . . Dorothy was graduated from Montgomery County High School with the class of 1943 . . . Ernestine was graduated at Troy this Summer . . . Both were prominent in school activities at county high school at Ramer and popular with students and teachers . . . The Alabama Methodist Conference is just a month off . . . P. H. Harris, principal of Montgomery County High School, will be official delegate from Ramer-Pine Level charge . . . All county schools are making preparations for observing National Education Week in November.

Of all the canned foods put up during the Summer, soup mixture seems to do the most good . . . Those who haven't tried spiced figs should do so next season . . . They will glorify any Sunday or company dinner . . . Fresh or canned figs may be used and it takes little time to prepare them or little expense either . . . If you're interested here is the recipe: five quarts figs, 1 quart water, three pints sugar, one pint vinegar, one tablespoon cinnamon, one tablespoon cloves, one teaspoon allspice, one teaspoon mace. Scald figs in soda bath (one cup soda to one gallon boiling water). Cook until tender in syrup made with one quart of water and one pint of sugar. When tender, add two pints of sugar, vinegar and spices and cook until figs are clear and transparent. Allow to stand overnight, heat in the morning, pack in jars and seal.

Ramer Library will be open every Friday from 3:30 till 5:30 p.m. with volunteers from Ramer Civic Club in charge.

Pinedale library, kept open by volunteers from Pinedale Civic Club, reports that books are being read by a large number . . . Pinedale Club is selling war stamps at all its neighborhood meetings and volunteers are making soldier kits . . . Ramer Civic Club will sponsor the observance of National Bible Week Oct. 11-17 . . . All pastors of the community will be asked to join in the observance through their sermons and the local schools will take part through assembly programs. . . Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed, English teacher at Ramer, can write the most news in the least space of anybody I know . . . Mrs. James Stoner of Pinedale runs her a close second . . . Both are top-ranking club reporters . . . Mrs. W. E. Tucker, of LeGrand, and Mrs. Julian Venable of Pintlala, belong in that class, too . . . A good club reporter lost to the county lately was Mrs. Lee Coker of Grady . . . She was as dependable as the Rock of Gibraltar and always prompt . . . Neighbors saw with regret Mr. and Mrs. Coker's sell Their home and return to Montgomery where they formerly lived . . . Their cottage was the realization of a dream of Mr. Coker, and built entirely by his hands . . . Its beauty rivalled many pictured in house and garden magazines . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McKinley of Montgomery bought the Coker home and are now living there . . . Mr. McKinley is an insurance representative.

What's happening in the county this week:

Members of Pisgah Church congregation will meet there Monday to make preparations for entertaining the annual Conecuh River District Association next Saturday and Sunday.

LaPine W. S. C. S. will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Pike Road Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Josh Gillespie as hostess at her home, 10 Dartmouth Circle.

Pike Road 4-H Clubs will meet Tuesday morning at the school under supervision of Miss Norma Ray Autrey and R. S. Kimbrough.

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the church.

Pintlala Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. S. Reddoch with Mrs. John A. Reddoch assisting hostess.

Catoma Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Dalraida Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m.

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Montgomery County News

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Oct. 10

Every community has its social and religious problems even in peace time. In war time they are multiplied. How one rural community in Montgomery County has solved this problem and helped its young people carry on under war time conditions is a pattern that may be of interest to other communities similarly situated and is certainly worthy of their emulation.

The community is Chesser and the story of its organization for religious training and social fellowship is told by Mrs. Ethel Paulk by request. Mrs. Paulk is president of Chesser Civic Club and holds the office year in and year out. She is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, one of rural Montgomery County's oldest houses of worship and it was her idea and her guiding hand that organized the young people of her community. It is at her home that they meet.

When gas rationing and rubber shortage made it necessary to discontinue Sunday School and Training Union at the little church in the community, Mrs. Paulk began prayerfully to study and plan a way in which the young people could carry on their religious training and also have some recreation and social activities. She decided to organize a Young People's Training union in her home, which is in reach of practically all the young people of the community. She ordered literature and invited the boys and girls to meet at her house the first Sunday night in last November. The response was very encouraging and nearly every family in the community was represented. They elected officers and began plans for their work.

Since then, the group has met at the home of Mrs. Paulk every Sunday night except the fourth when preaching services are held at the church and the program is given there. There are 30 members enrolled with an average attendance of 5. They carry on the work of a standard Training Union approved by the pastor and deacons of Mt. Zion Church.

"Once a month, the young people meet under supervision of their director for clean, wholesome fun and frolic," Mrs. Paulk says. "They play games, have stunts and serve refreshments." Also, she says, once each quarter they put on a play or some extra program and invite the parents, giving them an opportunity to see and appreciate the work being done by the children. On one such occasion, a Mother's Day program was given.

Describing it, Mrs. Paulk says "The entire program was centered around the home with special songs and readings honoring mother. They served chicken salad sandwiches and drinks. The dads came and brought the mothers and there was almost 100 per cent attendance. Some of them were surprised to see what their boys and girls could do in Christian leadership."

Now nearly a year old, the group is still going strong. It will be interesting to watch their future.

What's happening in the county this week:

The Conecuh River Primitive Baptist Association will hold its concluding session of a three-day conference at Pisgah on Monday.

Pinedale Civic Club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. M. M. Harper as hostess and Mrs. James McInnis, program director. The subject will be "The Family Takes a Job," and roll call will be answered with "How My Ancestors Lived."

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday with Mrs. R. R. Underwood and Mrs. George Macon as hostesses and Mrs. J. H. Milligan, leader.

The W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the church.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday with Mrs. Jim Cutts and Mrs. Harding Huffman as hostesses at the home of Mrs. Huffman at 2:30 p.m. The program will be the monthly demonstration lesson. Mrs. J. P. Curry will sell war savings stamps.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Leo Harris and Mrs. Lee Jones as hostesses, Mrs. T. S. Skipper in charge of the devotional, and Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Jones as program directors. The program theme will be "Our First National Airs."

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. W. A. Guy and Mrs. C. F. Noble hostesses.

LeGrand Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Friday at 2:30 p.m.

The Montgomery County High School bond drive, in the Third War Loan Drive, which totaled \$5,925.70 on Sept. 30, practically doubled its self-imposed quota of \$3,500. Jerry Underwood, reporter of the Student Defense Council, sponsoring organization of the drive, says that the second grade led in sales and every student in high school bought at least one stamp.

Sales by the grades were: first, \$112; second, \$2,106.40; third, \$5.85; fourth, \$509.05; fifth, \$55.45; sixth, \$428.65; seventh, \$535.60; eighth, \$134.90; ninth, \$711.75; 10<sup>th</sup>, \$228.80; 11<sup>th</sup>, \$654.27; 12<sup>th</sup>, \$443.

The drive, which started with a chapel program, also ended with one. Those who ended with one. Those who took part were Mary Ola Ford, Charles Miller, Joy Dees, Fontelle Wingard and Hazel Reynolds.

"The Defense Council is proud of this record but is not stopping," Reporter Underwood says. "We are now collecting old English books and papers and will soon start collecting phonograph records."

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Emily Turnipseed and Helen Brown of Pike Road, are continuing their college work at the University of Alabama . . . Ann McClurkin, of Cecil is at Auburn . . . the County Council of Home Clubs college and business scholarships still go begging . . . To see L. C. Henley, formerly of Ramer, presiding at the Kiwanis District convention last week should have made Montgomery County people proud . . . The Montgomery Club, of which he is president, was host to all Kiwanis Clubs of Alabama in a three-day meeting . . . Tommy G. Amason of Ozark, a former Chesser community boy, attended as a voting delegate of the Ozark Club . . . George H. Dyar, former vocational agriculture teacher at Ramer and one of the best anywhere, was present from the Opelika Club . . . County Farm Agent J. H. Mitchell, of Huntsville, a brother of Mrs. A. R. Garrett, of Pintlala, cousin of Mrs. W. T. M. Rushing (Miss Tumpie) of Dublin, brother-in-law of A. C. Sellers of Sellers, and well known in Montgomery County until he moved from his native Lowndes to North Alabama, went home from the convention carrying the silver cup awarded the club having the best agricultural program . . . Mrs. W. V. Bell of Grady, has made so many trips lately neighbors call her "Eleanor" . . . Even under gas rationing and war time prosperity Friendship "sings" continue . . . They were organized by Mrs. W. M. Mills as a depression social event for four or five families and spread over a 10-mile radius.

Srgt. and Mrs. James McDowell's new baby boy is said to be as sweet as they come . . . Mrs. McDowell, former commercial teacher in Montgomery County High School, is in Kentucky with her mother while Sergt. McDowell is on army duty . . . Brewer Heights Civic Club, another home demonstration club, was organized Friday with Mrs. W. A. Gardner as president . . . Mrs. William Binkley (Marjorie Cherry) will join her husband in Columbus, Miss., and take a civil service position . . . Joe Wheeler Sullivan, former Ramer schoolboy, was in Montgomery on a visit last week from Memphis . . . He is a superintendent for Algernon Blair's construction company . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mallory Chandler have a new home next to his

father's near Grady . . . Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Canant have purchased the residence in Ramer formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson and family who moved last to Shorter . . . Hobbie's gin on the Hanchey Mill Road was destroyed by fire Friday night . . . Snowdoun Woman's Club is following Pinedale Club's example and selling war stamps at meetings.

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by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Oct 17.

Vocational guidance at Pine Level Junior High School, initiated several years ago, continues to impress the public with its merits. This year, the girls are divided in two groups under direction of Mrs. Mildred Chandler and Mrs. Margaret Price. Purpose of the vocational guidance period is to give instruction impossible in regular classes.

One special activity of the junior three class is the beauty parlor, which is gaining fast in popularity among students, faculty and women of the community, who are becoming aware of the fact that they can get for a small fee a professional-like manicure or shampoo, a boon when travel to the city is under wartime restrictions.

Some of the girls expressed a desire to learn sewing and are using the school's two machines for making simple garments for themselves and their little sisters. Another group is piecing quilts which give promise of being pretty, and which will be quilted at the school. Embroidery is popular with most of the girls. A number have done simple sewing on dresses their mothers started for them. One group has expressed a desire to sing during the vocational guidance period, and will be organized at an early date.

Pine Level school's lunchroom is in operation again this year and seems to be even more popular with students than formerly. In spite of rationing and shortage of certain foods, the lunchroom has been able to serve nourishing and appetizing meals by using vegetables canned by patrons during the Summer for the school. "It is such cooperation and generosity from parents that makes it possible for us to run a successful school," faculty members and lunchroom staff says.

Pine Level's Junior High School boys are directed by Principal J. L. Price in vocational activities. Realizing that knowing the best way to do a job will make it easier to do, he is training them in jobs they need to do at home and on the farm. Some of the projects being carried out are: A pig project, chickens, campus beautification, school garden, pasture and dairy cows, and forest conservation.

The school now owns one flock of blood-tested White Rocks and another of New Hampshire Reds. A careful check is being kept on egg production, each flock being in separate pens. The school has a small hatchery and hatching is done for people of the community. Plans are now complete to start setting for Fall delivery.

Propagation of plants and resetting in the school nursery is under way. One-fourth acre of Winter greens is planted in the school garden for use in the cafeteria. A 10-acre pasture, of which seven acres is in kudzu, is being fenced, with expectation of securing small dairy cattle to raise. Trees on the campus are being pruned and otherwise cared for and new trees put out.

Registration will be held for Ration Book No. 4 Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. at Pinedale Chapel with volunteers from Pinedale Club in charge.

Registrations will be held at Curry's store, Snowdoun, all day Wednesday and Thursday with volunteers from Snowdoun Club in charge.

Pine Level P. T. A. will sponsor a Halloween entertainment on Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m., at the school.

A farm meeting scheduled to be held Friday night at Snowdoun is postponed until Oct. 29 at 8 p.m.

A former Montgomery County High School boy Franklin J. Bedsole of Sellers, has turned inventor in Panama Canal Zone, where he is a staff sergeant in the army. Trying to keep up with the constant demand for new bushings to replace worn out ones in light vehicles. Sergt. Bedsole, who is a motor mechanic with the Sixth Air Force, decided it took too much time to keep up replacements. Therefore, he decided to do something about it and made one experiment after the other until he has now invented a gadget which does the trick.

The gadget is a bronze bushing that lasts many times longer than bushings formerly used on light vehicles, and it provides for lubrication where it was formerly impossible. Grease may be packed between it and the steering wheel, Sergt. Bedsole says, causing less drag in steering and it is said to have helped many a mechanic in his area to have solved his problem of replacing bushings.

The Montgomery County boy's invention is said to be in wide use in the Canal Zone area and has been thought of so highly by his officers that it was recently submitted to the Ordnance Department at Aberdeen, Md., for approval and possible adoption throughout the entire armed forces. Sergt. Bedsole's mother is Mrs. Mattie Bedsole of Sellers community.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Dried persimmons are similar in composition to dried dates and can be used in almost any recipe in place of dates or raisins . . . Those who wish to try drying them may follow these directions . . . Persimmons should be dried whole to about the consistency of dates, then they can be stored in sterilized tin cans and they will keep very well . . . Be sure the persimmons are thoroughly ripe and that the skin is not broken . . . Line large baking pans (or stout cardboard box covers) with absorbent paper . . . Arrange the whole persimmons in pans in single layers and place in top of warming closet of the cook stove . . . They should not be subjected to a higher temperature than 125 to 150 degrees. If the stove has no warming closet, fill a large kettle half-full of hot water, cover and place the pan of persimmons on it . . . Keep the kettle where the water will keep hot but not boil . . . Turn persimmons as they dry to prevent burning . . . Do not allow them to get too dry . . . Remove seeds and store in sterilized tin cans.

O. C. McNeill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. McNeill, of Macedonia community, has been promoted to rank of sergeant at Camp Hood, Texas . . . Muriel Sneed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sneed, of Sprague, is a teletypist with the Women's Army Corps in North Africa . . . Her brother, B. U. Sneed, is in the Navy . . . Charles Rawls, of Macedonia, writes from overseas that he is a "Happy" soldier, now that he has his first definite assignment and "grand chow" every day . . . Here is the menu for lunch the day he wrote: steak, beans, catsup, beets, rice pudding, apple sauce, bread and ice-cold lemonade . . . The best of it is that he gets just as good food every day . . . He also writes of a little yellow kitten that took up his abode in the camp and takes turns sleeping with the boys . . . Richard M. Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Garrett, of hope Hull, has army assignment with the medical school at the University of Maryland . . . All the above group attended Montgomery County High School. So did Glyndon Jones, Jr., formerly of Pine Level, who has been on maneuvers in Florida . . . His home state is Camp Pickett, Va.

Capt. William E. Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Hooper, of Snowdoun, was recently cited for outstanding maintenance work with a Marine air unit in the Solomon Islands last Winter . . . His citation came from Adm. William F. Halsey, commander of the South Pacific area . . . Curtis Chesnutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chesnutt, of Hope Hull, received promotion to the rank of sergeant at an air base in North Africa . . . His brother, R. H. Chesnutt, is a seaman, first class, and a carpenter's mate in the U. S. Navy, and stationed at New York City.

What's happening in the county this week:

A farm meeting will be held at Chisholm Monday at 8 p.m.

Pine Level P. T. A. will meet Tuesday at 2:40 p.m. at the school.

A farm meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at Pine Level School.

Brewer Heights Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., the hostess to be announced.

The W. S. C. S. of Fairview Methodist Church on the Old Selma Road will meet Wednesday at the regular hour with Mrs. J. D. Baggett as hostess.

A farm meeting will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m., at Catoma School.

Pine Level 4-H Club will meet Thursday morning at the school with R. S. Kimbrough and Miss Norma Ray Autrey in charge.

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. W. Smilie. Election of officers will feature the business meeting. Roll call will be answered with household hints.

A farm meeting will be held at Grady School Thursday at 8 p.m.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 3 p.m. with Mrs. W. B. Blackburn as hostess. An auction sale will feature the business session.

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by Mildred Smith

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Many a Montgomery County fruit cake now en route overseas to service men and women was made without benefit of commercially-crystallized or candied fruits and peels. Unable to purchase such ingredients, this county's rural women turned back to home demonstration club lessons in caddying fruits and peels and prepared their own. Mrs. C. O. Rawls, of Pine Level, president of the county council of home clubs, reports three fruit cakes made of home candied fruit sent to her son, Charles Rawls, in the Mediterranean theater of war. Using a fruit cake recipe in the McNeill family (Mrs. Rawls was Buford McNeill) since pioneer days, she achieved excellent results.

Candying fruit at home takes a little time but is really a simple process and can be done by the most inexperienced. The method followed by Mrs. Rawls is given: To 1 ½ pounds of sugar add three quarts of water and one-half cup corn syrup and bring to a boil. Add two pounds of raw or canned fruit and boil according to time given for particular fruit (apricots, peaches, pears, quince, eight minutes for fresh

fruit, four minutes for canned; citron melon, watermelon, four minutes; figs, fresh, eight minutes, canned, four minutes; grapefruit, orange and lemon peel, two minutes), and set aside for 24 hours. On the second day, drain the syrup and concentrate to one quart; add fruit and boil two minutes; set aside for 24 hours. On the third day, drain the syrup, add 1 ½ cups corn syrup and bring to boil; add fruit and boil two minutes; set aside for 24 hours. On the fourth day, drain the syrup, bring to a boil, add fruit and let boil four minutes; set aside for 48 hours. Skip the fifth day and on the sixth drain the syrup, bring to a boil, add fruit and let boil four minutes; set aside for 24 hours or store it in the syrup in glass jars ready for use.

If it is preferred not to store the fruit in the syrup, on the seventh day the fruit and syrup mixture may be brought to a boil, the fruit drained and placed on wax paper until it ceases to be sticky. Candied products do not keep well for long periods, so it is best to leave them in the syrup until 10 days before using, then dry them on wax paper.

Grapefruit, orange and lemon peel may be prepared for candying by cutting into strips, removing all fibrous parts and parboiling in three changes of clear water, boiling 10 minutes each time or until it is tender. Citron melon and watermelon should also be parboiled until tender.

Publication last week of direction for dried persimmons brought to this column another persimmon recipe, persimmon preserves. To make this new kind of preserves, put a thin layer of sugar in the bottom of a jar, then a layer of whole persimmons then a layer of sugar and so on until the jar is full. The sugar will soon dissolve and form a syrup. Press the upper fruits down until the syrup may be drained off. The persimmons may then be served like dates and will resemble them in both flavor and appearance.

Additional organizations reporting election of officers are:

Pike Road 4-H Club: Mary Ann Dees, president; Wanda Welch, vice president; Laura Frances Sullivan, secretary – treasurer; Emily Nefberry, song leader; Carolyn Wright, reporter.

Snowdoun Woman's Club: Mrs. C. G. Cameron, president; Mrs. C. O. Jones, vice president; Mrs. J. P. Curry, secretary; Mrs. Roy Glass, treasurer.

Smilietown Community Club: Mrs. G. H. Wood, president; Mrs. C. W. Adams, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Paul, secretary-treasurer.

What's happening in the county this week:

Dr. Jeanette Bealle, former missionary, will speak Monday at 8 p.m. at Mt. Carmel clubhouse.

Ramer Civic Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the regular hour with Mrs. A. D. Cowles, Mrs. M. B. Rushton and Mrs. J. H. Milligan as hostess. Members will answer roll call with "My Favorite Hobby."

Pinedale Civic Club will hold group meetings Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., with hostesses as follows: Mrs. William Hays, Crossroads neighborhood: Mrs. Holley, Southside; Mrs. W. E. Elsberry, Woodley Road; Mrs. C. E. Walls, Narrow Lane.

A farm meeting will be held at Chisholm school at 8 p.m., Tuesday by County Agent Lem A. Edmonson. Snowdoun W. S. C. S. will hold an all-day meeting Tuesday in observance of the week of prayer.

Chesser Community Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. Tom Nobles as hostess.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will meet Thursday a 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. H. H. Hassey and Mrs. W. M. Weaver as hostesses and Mrs. W. V. Bell in charge of the devotional. Dr. Jeanette Bell, former missionary to China, will be guest speaker. Dr. Bell will speak at Ramer Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

A farm meeting will be held at Snowdown clubhouse Friday at 8 p.m., by County Farm Agent Lem A. Edmonson.

The Student Defense Council of Montgomery County High School will sponsor a Halloween party at Ramer Friday at 7:30 p.m. The party will be in the high school auditorium.

Catoma P. T. A. will sponsor a Halloween party Friday night at the school.

Pine Level P. T. A. will sponsor a Halloween carnival at the school auditorium Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Quarterly conference will be held Saturday at Ramer Methodist Church with Dr. W. M. Curtis, district superintendent, presiding.

An all-day singing will be held Sunday at Ramer. The public is invited to attend and bring basket lunches.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Mrs. Glyndon Jones of Troy, formerly of Pine Level, belongs to a "fighting family" . . . Her son, Srgt. Glyndon Jones, Jr., is at Camp Pickett, Va . . . Her sister, is stationed at Orlando, Fla., and very much interested in her work for Uncle Sam . . . She likes the WAC much better since it became a part of the Army . . . Her two nephews, Thomas R. Head, Boca Raton Field, Fla., and Albert B. Head, on maneuvers in Florida, were both recently promoted to the rank of captain . . . another nephew, overseas, is James D. Head, recently promoted to corporal . . . Still another nephew, Pfc. Hosea H. Sellers, Jr., was cited for bravery in foreign combat . . . A fifth nephew, Grady Reynolds Sellers, recently joined the Navy and is at Pensacola, Fla . . . A sixth nephew, Edmond Sims Campbell, is a sergeant in the Medical Corps at Modesta, Calif.

Sergt. Lee Roy McLeod, formerly stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., was recently transferred to Long Island, N. Y. . . Mrs. McLeod has returned to their home at Grady, R. F. D. 1, after spending the Summer with Sergt. McLeod . . . Sergt. Wiley H. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Woodley Road, wants to hear from his former coon-hunting partners . . . His address is: Sergt. Wiley H. Taylor, 14109961, Hdq. Co., 2d Bn., 302 Ord. Regt., APO 759, Care Postmaster, New York City . . . Ramer Dramatic Club has 46 members this year . . . They were formally initiated Thursday . . . The club meets twice monthly . . . Capt. Frank Curred in Iceland for a long period, is now stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark . . . Ann McClurkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McClurkin, of Cecil, was tapped last week at Auburn for Owls, sophomore honor society . . . Gordon Harold Harris, Jr., of Hunter community, enlisted in the Navy, Oct. 14 and is at Great Lakes Training Station, Ill.

First Lieut. Joseph H. Stowers has returned from overseas duty and after spending four weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stowers, of Mathews, is now at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla . . . His brother, Second Lieut. W. g. (Billie) Stowers, has returned to Yuma, Ariz., after a two weeks visit to his parents . . . Another brother Second Lieut. Fred Stowers, is a bombardier on foreign service . . . The regular meeting of Pike Road Civic Club is postponed until Nov. 12 and will be held at the home of Mrs. Marshall Chandler.

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A Montgomery County girl making an unusual record at Auburn this year is Edith Anderson, of Mt. Carmel community. A junior at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, she is enrolled in the School of Home Economics and majoring in home demonstration with the expectation of becoming a home demonstration agent.

Edith was recently tapped for membership in Theta Epsilon, honorary home economics society for juniors. To become a member of this organization it is necessary to have at least a B average for the three years of attendance in the home economics school. She is also a member of the Auburn Girls Glee Club, being one of 50 girls chosen from the student body by the director. Another recent honor was her selection for the student editorial board of Motive magazine. She is vice president of her house, vice president of the Wesley Foundation and a member of Pi Tau Chi.

A graduate of Montgomery County High School, Edith was outstanding in the work of Ramer Chapter Future Home Makers of America, was valedictorian of her class and was the recipient of many other scholastic and student honors. She also took an active part in community activities. A bright future is predicted for her in her chosen line of work.

Hundreds of Montgomery County men and women, boys and girls, are saddened this weekend by the passing of a former beloved teacher, Dr. Edward Madison Shackelford of Troy. For half a century the young men and women of this county going to Troy, first to the old normal school, later to Teachers College as it is known after raising of the curriculum, drew inspiration from Dr. Shackelford. They also learned the gospel of hard work. Many of them came from his training to become wonderful exponents of the teaching profession.

Dr. Shackelford himself was a product of Montgomery County, scion of pioneer Shackelford couple who settled Pintlala community and placed the name on the county's annals as synonymous with the teaching and medical professions. After he retired from the presidency of the college at Troy, it became one of his happiest labors to prepare a history of the Shackelford family. Published several years ago under auspices of the Shackelford Family Association, it is a gem of family literature. One of my most prized possessions is a copy autographed by Dr. "Shack" as many of us affectionately knew him. The Shackelford annual reunions at Pintlala were discontinued temporarily because of war condition. It will be difficult to picture their renewal without Dr. Shackelford there to lend his dignity, his grace and his fine humor to the day. I feel a very keen personal loss.

The regular meeting of Pike Road Civic Club has been postponed from Tuesday until Nov. 12 and will be held at the home of Mrs. Marshall Chandler at 2:30 p.m.

V. J. Mabry, county sanitation officer, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of Catoma P. T. A. on Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Woman's Missionary Societies of the Baptist Churches of Montgomery County are making plans to send representatives to the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the 10<sup>th</sup> district scheduled to be held at Clayton Street Baptist Church in Montgomery No. 9 at 10:30 a.m. with the W. M. U. of the Montgomery Association as hostess.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Lieut. A. Buren Canant, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Canant, of Ramer, will soon complete training as a member of a Liberator bomber crew at the Army Air Base, Pueblo, Colo . . . So far in the war we've mostly done without only fancy frills and extras . . . Undoubtedly days or real privation are ahead . . . Instead of easing up, now is the time to pull in our belts, and work and give as never before until victory . . . Don't let good war news let you up . . . Gordon

Harold Harris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harris of Hunter community, hasn't found the food in the Navy just what he'd always heart it pictured . . . At Great Lakes Training School, Ill., he writes he has had beans only once . . . The visit of John Taylor, on the west coast with the Navy, to his mother, Mrs. Ida Taylor in Fleta community, was the occasion for a family reunion . . . His sister, Margaret Lee (Mrs. James Baldwin) came from Washington and his brother, Willis, with his family, came from Selma . . . It was the first time they had all been together in several years.

True-to-life pictures of China were brought several community groups in the county last week by Dr. Jeanette Beall, former missionary to China . . . Home on leave when the war broke out. Dr. Beall has been unable to return to her work there as manager of the Kathleen Mallory Hospital . . . Lieut. John Walter Stowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stowers, of Snowdoun, has arrived overseas with the Marines . . . He is an assistant group intelligence officer . . . More and more women from the rural communities are taking defense jobs in Montgomery . . . Mrs. C. P. Cosby, of Ramer, is one of the latest . . . Mrs. Queen Neugent continues ill at her home t Dublin.

Personal nomination for one of the best citizens in Montgomery County: Will Wingard, of Ramer. . . . He makes his living by honest work, pays his bills, tends to his own business and leaves the other fellow's alone, is always right there when a friend is in need or trouble, sends his children to school, and trains them to work at home, does his part in civic work and is at Sunday School and preaching every Sunday with his family . . . Mrs. Wingard has a war time job in Montgomery . . . Their two oldest sons are in the service . . . Their sense of humor is unfailing . . . Some of the pleasantest half-hours I know have been spent in Mr. Wingards' barber chair while he administering the periodic haircut.

Professors are gradually being eased out of OPA control and replaced by hard-boiled business men . . . The present lineup includes a former executive of General Foods, two department store executives, a grocery and baking company executive, an industrial manufacturing boss and an advertising agency official . . . In due time we shall see which group made the best of it . . . The Student Defense Council at Ramer is an up and coming organization . . . Its activities will bear watching and copying . . . Friday night it sponsored a Halloween carnival to make money for placing first aid kits in every room in Ramer schools . . . Husbands and boyfriends may not always be satisfactory but nobody can say they don't come in handy.

What's happening in the county this week:

Pike Road 4-H Clubs, both junior and senior divisions will meet Tuesday morning at the school.

Pintlala Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. C. B. Mosley and Miss Lula Mae Moseley. Pastors and conference delegates from Montgomery County Methodist Churches will go to Mobile Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the Alabama Methodist Conference.

Catoma 4-H Club will meet Thursday morning at the school.

Catoma Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Pintlala 4-H Club will meet Friday morning at the school.

November 8, 1943

Montgomery County News  
by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Nov. 7

It will take more than a war to keep the women of Mt. Carmel community from getting things done. Mrs. W. A. Guy, one of Mt. Carmel's Civic Club members, says "The Civic Club members are going to begin painting the clubhouse Wednesday. We've done about everything else this year but paint houses so we thought we'd better do the club house."

What Mrs. Guy does not tell is that the women had a large part in building their beautiful log clubhouse several years ago. They donned overalls, mounted pickup trucks and hauled native rock for building the foundation and chimneys. They had a hand in much of the other labor, and before that, in the immense activity it took to raise the money for the building. The undertaking caught the fancy of the public to such extent that when the clubhouse was finished, its picture with its story was published in a number of newspapers and magazines of the South and brought letters of inquiry from other club groups as to how they might accomplish such an undertaking.

Neither does Mrs. Guy mention, in saying "We've done about everything else this Summer," The enormous amount of canning every family in the community has done, the support of club women have given the 4-H Victoriades in their canning and victory programs, the volunteer leadership that has kept their community recreation club active long after most of the other rural recreation clubs dwindled and died, nor the assistance they have given in registering people of their community for ration books, their support of a homecoming at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church and its splendid success when other homecoming programs were being abandoned, and the assistance they have given negro families of the community in modern methods of canning and food preservation in general.

Truly, it does take more than a war to stop the people of Mt. Carmel community. It is a good symbol of the freedom our boys are fighting for.

Mt. Carmel community has given generously of its young men to the service. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Guy have given their three sons, Lobman and Melvin, now overseas, and their baby Pvt. S. J. Guy stationed in New Orleans. Corpl. Roy Pouncey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Macy Pouncey, is at Fort Dix, M. J., and another son, Pvt. Edgar Pouncey, is at Camp Wheeler, Ga., for basic training. Pfc. James W. Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vann Williamson, is at the Air Base of the U. S. Army in DeRidder, La. Pfc. Elbert N. Findley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Findley, is in the U. S. Army. Corpl. Willie Joe Dean, son of Joe Dean, was at Camp Edwards, Mass., the last news this column had of him. Marvin Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, is in Australia. First Lieut. Shackelford Mathews is with the U. S. Army at Boston, Mass. Lieut. Ronald Sellers, Jr., is at Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga., after completion of special courses at Yale University and Hartford, Conn. All these and many others from Mt. Carmel community are in the fight for freedom.

Pike Road P. T. A. has the following officers this year: Mrs. Gene Bolling, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Gowan, first vice-president; Mrs. Marshall Chandler, second vice-president; Mrs. Moss Swearingen, secretary; Miss Edith Steen, treasurer.

Pike Road Junior Red Cross has the following new officers: Neva Brown, president; Florence Johnson, vice-president; Jane Allison, secretary-treasurer. LeGrand Civic Club officers elected to take office Dec. 1 are: Mrs. R. R. Underwood, president; Mrs. John Sneed, vice-president; Mrs. R. F. Carr, secretary.

Highland Home P. T. A. has the following officers for the year: Mrs. Ralph Davis, president; Mrs. Leon

Champion, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Lansdon, secretary-treasurer; Miss Lucy Jordan and Mrs. Hazzard Walker, publicity chairmen.

Pintlala 4-H Club has elected the following officers: Jean Hornady, reporter, announces: Mary Kate Stubbs, president; Jule Hawthorne, vice-president; Lottie Mae Chesnutt, secretary-treasurer; Addie Boyd, song-leader.

My very best recipe for candied grapefruit peel: peel one grapefruit, cut rinds in pieces and soak in slightly salt water a day and a half. Drain water off, cover with cold water and boil rapidly 10 minutes. Change the water and boil again, continuing this for five times. Then drain off all water carefully, leaving rinds just as dry as possible. (The drier you have them the better results). Add sugar in the ratio of one and one-fourth pounds to a quart of peel, and cook very slowly over a slow, steady heat. Stir well and do not allow to scorch. To prevent scorching an iron skillet is the best utensil to use. When the rind begins to crystalize, stir rapidly until quite dry, empty on oiled paper, and sprinkle well with sugar.

I find by coloring the rind with different vegetable colorings, it may be packed in boxes and makes excellent gifts as it keeps almost indefinitely. It is also a nice accompaniment for tea, hot coffee or punch. To color the rind, I put a few drops of coloring in the skillet just as the rind is ready to be poured up, stir very vigorously, and then pour on oiled paper and sprinkle with sugar; either powdered or granulated. By making several batches of different colors, boxes both colorful and tasty may be prepared, and will be found quite satisfactory for overseas gifts.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: What could make a Winter seem longer than old-fashioned union suits? . . . William Eldridge Spratling is another Cecil community boy to cast his lot with the Marines . . . He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Spratling and a graduate of this year's class at Pike Road High School . . . Gene Cutts of Snowdown, State apiarist for the past year, has resigned to move to Citronelle to go into business for himself . . . His brother, Paul Cutts, who was associated with him in the culture of bees at Snowdown, has moved to Florida to continue the business there . . . Opal Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Gillespie, and a graduate of Pike Road High School, made a flying trip home from Kansas City, where she is a yeoman, 3<sup>rd</sup> class, in the SPARS . . . No sooner had she arrived than orders came to report at the Coast Guard Academy in New Haven, Conn., for study to become a commissioned officer . . . She has been engaged in recruiting work at Kansas City for some months . . . A welcome communication this weekend was the letter from Maj. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, formerly of Ramer, which answers the question concerning their whereabouts with which this column has been constantly plied for months . . . They are at Kansas City, Mo., where Maj. Smith is completing a special course at the Command and Generals Staff School at Fort Leavenworth . . . They are living at Hotel Chatham, Apt. 303, and of course have their two children, Betsy and Jane, with them . . . Maj. Smith will complete his course there soon and return to Arizona, and they say "What then, remains to be seen." . . . Note to Maj. and Mrs. Smith (who incidentally have The Advertiser follow them): Will you keep this column posted on your changes of address?

Ramer has held a preliminary meeting to organize a State Guard but the organization is not completed or approved yet . . . Many will remember the National Guard that went to Camp Blanding from Ramer in 1940 was originally a Home Guard growing out of the 1917-18 World War . . . Bernard Hall, of Snowdown, is graduating again, this time from the primary pilot school at Union City, Ark., for basic training Bernard will be remembered as a president of the Montgomery County 4-H Council and a county health champion Before going to Union City, he had training at College Training Detachment,

University of Tennessee, and pre-flight training at Maxwell Field . . . Every letter Flight Officer Walton Wingard of Grady writes from overseas closes with the phrase: "Keep 'Em Flying."

What's happening in the county this week:

Catoma P. T. A. will meet Monday at 7 p.m., at the school with V. J. Mabrey, county sanitation officer, as guest speaker.

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will meet Tuesday at the church parlor at the regular hour. Pinedale Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. W. F. Brooks as hostess. The program will be featured by a debate, "Where Should I Spend The Most Money," with Mrs. James Stoner, Mrs. Berney Brannan, and Mrs. James McInnis as speakers. Roll call will be answered with "Advantages of Neighborhood Meetings."

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Owen Green. Answer to roll call will be current events in observance of National Education Week.

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Fannie Chambers, Mrs. Cliff Talley and Mrs. S. J. Guy as hostesses.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. M. Weaver and Mrs. R. R. Ellison as hostesses and Mrs. T. W. Athey in charge of the devotional. Mrs. W. M. Mills, and Mrs. J. C. Gregory will be in charge of a program featuring a book narration.

Pike Road Civic Club meeting, postponed from the regular date, will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Marshall Chandler.

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Montgomery County News

By Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Nov. 14

Realizing the need of home protection in the present critical period, Joseph B. Fannin of Ramer and L. Dubois of Grady are taking the lead in efforts at organization of a unit of the State Guard. Several meetings have been held and upwards of 50 enlisted, but to complete the organization and get State approval, it must have the full wartime membership of 86 including enlisted personnel, and three commissioned officers, a second lieutenant, a first lieutenant and a captain.

The movement brings to mind the fact that the National Guard unit at Ramer which was inducted into the regular army in November, 1940, was born of a similar emergency. Organized in 1922 when racial trouble was rampant in the Dublin section and riots resulted in death and destruction of property, the company continued active until it was absorbed into the regular army at Camp Blanding. Capt. Ben L. Hill, veteran of the first world war, was the commanding officer and was succeeded, after a long period of service, by Dr. A. D. Cowles, who was succeeded in turn by Coach William D. (Billie) Smith of Montgomery County High School. Before going into the regular army, the company was raised to full wartime membership, and given an additional commissioned officer, resulting in Coach Smith being promoted from first lieutenant to captain; Second Lieut. Charles Edward Sellers being promoted to first lieutenant, and W. D. Smilie winning the second lieutenant's place by competitive examination. All three have reached promotions, and now Maj. Smith, having just completed a special course at the Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is in Arizona. Maj. Sellers is on maneuvers in Louisiana, and First Lieut. Smilie is in Alaska. Maj. Smith has been a transportation officer at various camps since early after going to Camp Blanding. Maj. Sellers, when not on maneuvers, is in charge of a negro battalion at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. The members of Ramer's National Guard are scattered over the universe, some on every fighting front.

The armory at Ramer is a beautiful building and it should be in use. Smilie Jones, former National Guardsman, is the caretaker. It would be pleasing to see the drill ground active again on Saturday afternoon. Joe Fannin, veteran of the present war, and Mr. Dubois deserve the cooperation of the citizenry of Ramer and all the neighboring communities in their efforts to get the needed number to complete a State Guard unit. There is no doubt but that the protection it will afford is needed. The only qualification for eligibility to join is that the applicant be "17 years old and able to carry a gun."

Montgomery County in the service: Morgan Guice, 2<sup>nd</sup>, former Pine Level boy, is a turret gunner on one of our largest Flying Fortresses, and is attached to a bomber group in Tunisia. Before going overseas, he received diplomas from radio school at Sioux Falls, S. D., and gunnery school at Salt Lake City, Utah . . . Corp. Dan Boone, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Boone and grandson of Mrs. Lizzie Missildine, of Pisgah community, is in England doing fingerprint work and photography at a war prison camp . . . Staff Sergt. Jack Boone has returned to the States after more than a year in the African and Sicilian campaigns with the field artillery and will be an officer candidate at OCS, Camp Shelby, Miss . . . He was the only man from his battery of 110 to be selected for return to America for officer training . . . Corp. Roy Pouncey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Pouncey, of Bethlehem community, is at Fort Dix, N. J., and wants to have letters from his friends . . . His address is: Corp. Roy Pouncey, 34331064, Btry. B, 328 F. A. Battalion, APO 85, care Postmaster, Fort Dix, N. J. . . His brother, Pvt. Edgar Pouncey, inducted into the army Oct. 8, is at Camp Wheeler, Ga . . . His wife, the former Drueilla Hall, and baby, are with Mrs. Mrs. Mack Pouncey during his absence . . . Capt. Henry McNeill, son of Mrs. H. H. McNeill, of Pine Level, was awarded the Air Medal at Armistice Day ceremonies at William Northern Army Air Field, Tullahoma,

Tennessee . . . The award was made for completion of 200 hours of anti-submarine air patrolling . . . Lieut. William O. Jones, of Kansas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jones, of Snowdoun.

Ramer High School 4-H Club has elected officers as follows, Mary Emma Sellers, reporter, announces: Sara Cole Felton, president; Wynette Miller, vice-president; Ann Harris, secretary-treasurer; Joy Dees, songleader.

What's happening in the county this week:

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Monday at 3:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. T. W. Collier.

Pike Road P. T. A. will meet Monday night at the school.

The W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the church.

Pine Level Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m., at the school.

D. E. Lauderburn, Soil Conservation Service forester, will give a demonstration in cutting timber Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the farm of Hayes Fannin near Grady.

Capitol Heights 4-H Club will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m., at the school.

Brewer Heights Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Cloverdale 4-H Club will meet Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at the school

The W. S. C. S. of Fairview Methodist Church will meet Wednesday afternoon.

Pine Level 4-H Club will meet Thursday at 10:45 a.m. at the school.

Smilietown Community Club will hold its regular meeting Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

LeGrand Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Pinedale Club's announcement of plans for a Yule party brings to mind that Christmas is not far off . . . Montgomery County has 14 members of the Women's Land Army who won membership by doing honest-to-goodness farm work . . . They are: Mrs. M. B. Graham, Mrs. Raymond Lightfoot, Mrs. Gus Boyd, Mrs. F. Ferguson, Mrs. Cecil Egerton, Jr., Mrs. Ed C. Hall, Mrs. M. S. Holly, Mrs. Frank Calloway, Mrs. C. O. Jones, Mrs. E. D. Buntin, Mrs. W. W. Smilie, Mrs. G. H. Wood, Mrs. T. V. Reynolds, Mrs. Bill Ray . . . Ramer-Pine Level charge is pleased that the Alabama Methodist Conference returned the Rev. Griffin Lloyd to this pastorate . . . Every church in the charge overpaid its budget this year . . . Falls account annually for over half of all home accidents . . . At least one-fourth of them are on steps and stairs, often caused by Darkness . . . Good light is essential when going up and down stairs . . . It's surprising how many accidents are caused by falling from the lower steps by thinking one is already at the bottom . . . A good way to remedy this would be by a coat of light-colored paint on the floor under the last step . . . Syrup-making is at hand . . . And so is hog killing . . . And lucky are those who can participate in both.

November 22, 1943

Montgomery County News by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Nov. 21

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Television screens to be worn on the wrist like watches may be a postwar development . . . David Sarnoff, RCA president, in an address to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said: "We have much to learn about the microwaves in which is wrapped up this new world of individualized radio," and explained how tiny electron tubes may make it possible to design radio receivers and transmitters no larger than a fountain pen, a cigarette case, a billfold or a lady's compact . . . "As the useful spectrum of radio approaches the frontiers of light, the apparatus will become simpler and more compact," he declared . . .

Distance will have little meaning to boys returning from overseas duty . . . Two officers returning from Africa landed at Maxwell Field and were having dinner within a week with Mrs. W. W. Sellers of Sellers community, grandmother of one of their officer friends, Capt. William Walter Sellers . . . A boy from North Alabama flew from Sicily to the United States on a brief business trip for the government, visited with his parents three hours, and was on his way back to Sicily . . . Stores in the large cities over the North and West are already formulating plans for helicopter service once the war is over . . . One store in Oklahoma plans helicopter deliveries over a 6,000 mile radius . . . Travel by air is destined to become as common after this war as travel by Model-T Ford did after the 1917-18 fracas.

A recent casualty by fire was the grist mill of W. G. Sellers at Dublin . . . Another honor came to a Ramer girl last week when Miss Minnie Sellers was elected president of the Alabama Association of Professional Public Recreation Workers . . . The association is another postwar step, designed to meet the problem of increasing leisure time . . . Miss Sellers is a graduate of Montgomery County High School, Alabama College and Peabody College and taught physical education in several colleges before going into public recreation work . . . At present she is director of public recreation at Sylacauga, where a program said to be outstanding in the South is in effect . . . The torch of her personal enthusiasm seems to have been caught by the people she works with . . . 'Tis said that members of the Comer family, nationally known textile mill owners, are as regular visitors to the recreation hall as the most lowly of their employees and are regular participants in games, dancing and other activities . . . A bright future for the State Association of Professional Public Recreation Workers under her guidance is predicted.

William Wilson, 18, of Pike Road, is a new recruit in the U. S. Navy . . . He is at Great Lakes, Ill., for recruit training S. J. Guy, Jr., of Mt. Carmel community, has sailed for overseas duty . . . He was formerly stationed at New Orleans . . . His brother, Melvin, is now in Italy.

Wanted: The name and address of every Montgomery County boy or girl in the service . . . this column is constantly receiving requests for information concerning these Montgomery County young people and particularly for addresses. Won't every family that has children in the service send their addresses to the writer at Ramer, R. F. D. 1 or at The Advertiser and help make this column a clearing house for this information.

John A. Scarborough of Snowdown, is a second lieutenant now . . . He was graduated from the Army Air Forces Officers Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. . . . Lieut. Ronald E. Sellers has returned to Moody Field, Valdosta, GA., after visiting his parents in Mt. Carmel community . . . Billy Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bell, of Grady, writes from the Canal Zone it is so hot there he longs for a good old Alabama chill . . . Staff Sergt. Tharon Broadway has returned to Camp Pickett, Va., after visiting his parents in Pine Level.

What's happening in the county this week:

Ramer Civic Club will meet Tuesday at the regular hour with Mrs. W. G. Sellers, Mrs. D. E. Sellers and Miss Sue Dawson as hostesses. Members will answer roll call with names of interesting schools.

Pinedale Civic Club will meet in neighborhood groups Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. with hostesses as follows:

Mrs. H. F. Weippert, Woodley neighborhood; Mrs. Gus McInnis, Crossroads; Mrs. Vernon McInnis, Narrow Lane; Mrs. Charles N. Putnam, Southside.

Pike Road library will be open Tuesday from 3 till 5:30 p.m.

Chesser Community Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Schools will close Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. B. C. Capell as hostess.

Ramer library will be open Friday from 3:30 till 5:30 p.m.

New arrivals: To Mr. and Mrs. Van Pilgreen (Mary Flynn Sellers of Mt. Carmel) a girl on Nov. 6, in Akron, Ohio, whom they have named Marivann.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Pittman (Exie Mae Money of Grady) a son on Nov. 1 at Hubbard Hospital in Montgomery whom they have named James Lee.

Recipe of the week: Your tea guests will rave over spiced figs made by this recipe and the canned fruit may be used at this season. They will also add spice to a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. Cook five quarts of figs in a syrup made of one quart of water and one pint of sugar until figs are tender. Then add a quart of sugar, a pint of vinegar, one tablespoon of cloves, one teaspoon of allspice, one teaspoon of mace, one teaspoon of cinnamon, and simmer until figs are clear and transparent. Let them stand in this syrup all night, heat the next morning and pack the fruit in jars, covering it with the hot syrup. Seal. When fresh fruit is in season, it may be used by scalding first in a soda bath. The finished product looks prettier if the stem is left on the figs. Whatever you do, make enough for a second and a third helping.

November 29, 1943

Montgomery County News by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Nov. 28

Eunice Bedsole was chosen last week as editor-in-chief of the 1943 "Melting Pot," Montgomery County High School annual, and Jamie Wingard was named co-editor. Other staff members were named as follows: Dennis Pouncey, business manager; Ina Anderson, assistant business manager; Moses Sellers, advertising manager; Hobbie Cosby; assistant advertising manager; Tom Guy, circulation manager; Ellis Paulk, assistant circulation manager; Hazel Reynolds, Jane Duboise, Louise Herrington, snapshot artists; Fontelle Wingard, Elizabeth Dunn, typists.

More news of Montgomery County High School: Ramer Chapter, Future Home Makers of America, announced at its last meeting three honorary members, Mrs. P. H. Harris, Mrs. Neill Cowles and Mrs. E. M. Fleming, added to the roll. The club has bought skip cover and drapery material for the home economics department living room and members of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades home economics classes

will make them, Ina Anderson, reporter, states. A program in two parts was given at the meeting, the theme of the first part being Thanksgiving, and of the second part, women in war work. Mary Lou Pugh read a Scriptural passage and a Thanksgiving poem. Betty Clay gave a report on nursery schools. Martha Paul reported on women in aviation, Elizabeth Holmes on women in radio, and Sammy McQueen on women in industry. At close of the meeting, refreshments were served.

Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers of America, through its reporter, Willis Bell, announces plans made at a recent meeting for early initiation of greenhand members and for a 1943-44 scrapbook. Ellis Paulk, scrapebook chairman, states that each member will be responsible for at least one objective, and that the typing class will type the material. Prof. E. M. Fleming, adviser, gave approval to space in the scrapbook for every member turning in an objective. Howard Mutz, public-speaking contest chairman, announced eligibility of any F. F. A. member to enter the nationwide contest.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: Lugene Huffman, Camp White, Oregon, saw his five-month-old-baby for the first time Thanksgiving when he arrived for a furlough visit to his family at Hope Hull . . . Lugene is a former Montgomery County High School boy and active member in Ramer Chapter, Future Farmers of America . . . In his honor, his parents held a reunion Thanksgiving which was attended by all their children except Frank Huffman, who is confined to the Army hospital in Jackson, Miss. . . . N. H. Huffman, of Hope Hull, who never studied art has a knack at drawing and making silhouettes that has placed his work on exhibit in several places in the State . . . A reunion of members of the Kirk family, formerly of Pine Level, was held last Sunday in Demopolis where Mrs. Kirk is living with one of the daughters, Mrs. W. E. Crew . . . Joe Kirk and Jessie Kirk Capps live in Montgomery . . . Mrs. Edgar Wright (Nettie Lee Kirk) lives in Mamie community . . . Another daughter, Mrs. Clayton Hitchcock, lives in Midway, and still another, Mrs. Joe Ferguson, lives at Hunter's Station . . . Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Herington, of Red Level community were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Little of Montgomery.

Add to the list of top-ranking club reporters: Mrs. R. F. Carr, of LeGrand Civic Club, who sent in her first report last week . . . Katherine Shelburne of Catoma 4-H Club is the possessor of the county gold canning medal awarded by the Alabama Extension Service . . . Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Bass, formerly of Ramer-Pine Level charge, are now in Midland City . . . In this family Midland City drew an ace from the Alabama Methodist Conference deck . . . Morgan Guice of Pine Level writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Guice, "I was in Algiers a few days ago, and guess who I ran into? Judge John Scott of Montgomery and Judge Hill from the Alabama Court of Appeals. We were glad to see each other and had a long conversation." . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sanders of Oak Bowery celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving and said good-bye to two sons, Edgar and Robert, who leave for the service right away . . . It sounds unbelievable but scientists say, in the postwar world when we retire, we'll simply turn a knob on our radios marked "news," and during the night our own radio printing plant will busily print the news, dropping it out in time for breakfast . . . Fantastic, yes, but no more so that the whole world of radio.

A new water-repellant finish called "Zelan" makes cotton cloth shed water after continued laundering and zelan-treated garments will stay clean two or three times as long as untreated garments . . . Clothes made of zelan-treated cotton will stay dry and comfortable no matter how wet the weather nor how damp the place in which one works . . . Music is a mirror reflecting the life of the composer who wrote it.

Montgomery County goes to war: Pfc. George B. Shellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shellman, Cecil community is ill in camp . . . "Get well quick" cards will reach him at Station Hospital, C. A. A. B., Ward 3, Columbia, S. C. . . . Pfc, John M. Harris, brother of Mrs. Gordon Harris, of Hunter community, is in an army hospital from wounds received in action . . . Cards will reach him at this address: Pfc. John M. Harris, A. S. N. 34106055, Co. D. 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, APO 34, care Postmaster, New York City.

William Wilson, 18 of Pike Road, son of Mrs. Guerney Andrews, is a new recruit at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. . . . Another new recruit at Great Lakes Training Station is Henry A. Lockwood, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Lockwood, Reese's community, Second Class Alfred W. McDowell, son of Mrs. And Mrs. Willie McDowell, of Grady, may be reached with Christmas cards at the following address: T. S. 4VFT, 1, Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla . . . Felix Turnipseed, Jr., great nephew of G. C. Turnipseed, of Ramer, has been promoted to the rank of captain in England, where he has been serving for a long period . . . Lieut. William O. Jones visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jones, of Snowdown, en route from his station in Kansas to a new assignment in Tennessee.

Seaman First Class William H. Mansell, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Mansell, of Ramer, R. F. D. 2, will get Christmas cards mailed to USS\_OTUS, care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Calif . . . Pfc. Leonard Herrington, 14094771, will receive his cards if addressed to 86<sup>th</sup> Depot Repair Sqd. APO 635, care Postmaster, New York.

New officers of Pike Road Civic Club are: Mrs. Edgar Wright, president; Mrs. H. B. Fannin, vice-president; Mrs. E. T. Davis, secretary; Mrs. Sellers Davis, treasurer.

Ramer Civic Club officers were reelected as follows for 1944: Mrs. J. B. Trotter, president; Mrs. S. E. Armistead, vice-president; Mrs. E. M. Fleming, secretary; Mrs. F. H. Stephens, treasurer.

New arrival in the county: To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brooks, of Snowdown, a daughter, Betty Sue, on Nov. 20.

What's happening in the county this week:

A leadership school to study wartime needs for dairy products in Alabama will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Alabama Power Company for Montgomery County home club leaders, and home agents and their assistants from Autauga, Crenshaw, Chilton, Lowndes, Montgomery, Macon, Elmore, Coosa, Dallas and Butler Counties. F. W. Burns of the Extension Service will be in charge and will be assisted by the home and farm agents of this county.

Pintlala Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. for the monthly extension lesson.

Catoma 4-H Club will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. at the school. Catoma Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

A change in the date of meeting of Pike Road P. T. A. is announced by the president, Mrs. Gene Bolling, who states that because of Christmas holidays, it has been advanced to Dec. 13 and will be held at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Montgomery Sportsmen's Association will cooperate with the Farm Bureau in presenting a program on fire prevention at the various community Farm Bureau meetings in the county in December. The meeting at Ramer will be held in the school auditorium on Dec. 8. Other meetings will be announced.

December 6, 1943

Montgomery County News by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Dec. 5

Montgomery County residents will be interested in the promotion of Byron E. Cowart, former AAA representative, to the rank of major, in Alaska, where he has been serving for nearly two years, having left the United States on Dec. 19, 1941. Maj. Cowart was popular with the farming people of this county and his Army career has been watched with interest. In the Summer of 1941, he was stationed at Key Field, Miss., where he served as adjutant to Lieut. Col. Jack Chennault, son of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, former Maxwell Field officer, who is now commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force in China. When Col. Jack Chennault went to Alaska, Maj. Cowart soon followed, and his letters to his mother, Mrs. R. E. Cowart of Montgomery, during his first months there formed the subject matter of the first feature story carried by The Advertiser on a Montgomery County man in service. Maj. Cowart was commissioned in the Officers Reserve Corps upon his graduation from Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn in 1937 and was called into active service in 1941. At present, he is aide-de-camp to Lieut. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commanding general of the Alaskan Department. He has three brothers in the service. Fred M. Cowart is on duty in England. Elmer Cowart is serving in Sicily and Kenneth Cowart is attending a technical training school at Vanderbilt University.

More news of Montgomery County boys in service: Tom Charles Lawson, 21 Son of Mrs. And Mrs. Albert Sidney Lawson, of Mathews, received the silver wings of a flying officer and a second lieutenant's commission at the Columbus Army Air Field, Miss., today . . . He had attended flying school previously at Camden, Ark., and Greenville, Miss. . . . Pvt. Carl K. Trotter, of Ramer, will receive Christmas mail sent to 31<sup>st</sup> Quartermaster Co., APO 31, Camp Pickett, Va. . . . Chauncey W. Huth, husband of the former Mary Armistead Gilder, of Mt. Meigs, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel at Springfield Armory, Mass.

Sergt. Evans O. Noble of Hope Hull is one of a picked group of technicians enrolled at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Ky., for a course in tank mechanics . . . Ariel Missildine, Jr., Seaman 2d class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Missildine, of Grady, may be reached with Christmas mail at the following address: Ship Service, Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla. . . . Morgan Guice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Guice, formerly of Pine Level, will receive mail at 347<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 99 B. G. (H), APO 520, Care Postmaster, New York . . . Sergt. Jack Boone, formerly of Ramer, home from service in Africa and Sicily, is now stationed, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. . . . Richard Webster of Camp Pickett, Va., is visiting his parents in LaPine . . . Pfc. Cullen Hightower of Naftel has been transferred from Florida to Philadelphia and will leave today after a visit to his mother . . . Lieut. Col. Charles A. Luckie of Jacksonville, Fla., nephew of Charles Goodwyn of Teasley, was awarded the Legion of Merit, by Gen. Eisenhower for outstanding work in the Sicilian campaign . . . His mother was the former Lena Goodwyn.

The monthly meeting of Pike Road P. T. A. has been advanced to Dec. 13 because of the Christmas holidays.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will hold the annual Christmas party on Dec. 23.

Mutterings of a county correspondent: A service flag hanging on the clothes line of thousands of American homes is a pair of overalls . . . Mrs. Mattie C. Hall celebrated her 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday Thursday when

her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Price, entertained a group of friends at her home on Woodley Road . . . Mrs. Cecil Perry and Mrs. Forest Carroll gave a musical program . . . A birthday cake with the significant number of candles made centerpiece for the refreshment table . . . 'Tis rumored that the singing was lukewarm until the pianist struck up "Pistol Packin' Mamma."

Mrs. C. O. Rawls "fed and coffeed" 26 soldiers when the 96<sup>th</sup> Division camped "all over Macedonia community" en route to Camp Rucker . . . With a son of her own in the army overseas, she told her guests: "I hope some one will be nice to my soldier." . . . Mt. Carmel Club women have their log clubhouse shining with one coat of paint and are now putting on a second coat while the weatherman is obliging Sergt. O. C. McNeill of Camp Hood, Texas took time out to write Smilietown Community Club a letter . . . Richard Payne of Dublin, in service in Sicily wrote his former English teacher, Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed, a long, newsy letter and signed it, "from one of your old headaches." . . . The letter was far from being a headache . . . It brought smiles to all who read it . . . Billie Glass' husband is in Puerto Rico and Billie is at Maxwell Field Hospital with a new boy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glass, of Snowdoun, are the grandparents . . .

New arrivals in the county: To Staff Sergt. And Mrs. Richard Renfro Pirtle, of High Point, N. C., formerly of Hope Hull, a daughter, Gloria Jean, on Nov. 21 . . . To Lieut. And Mrs. Walter E. Deaux (Billie Gass, of Snowdoun), a son, Walter E. Deaux, Jr., on Dec. 4, at Maxwell Field Hospital . . . To Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Brannan, of Pinedale, a daughter at St. Margaret's Hospital.

What's happening in the county this week:

The W. S. C. S. of LaPine Methodist Church will meet Monday at the regular hour.

Pike Road Junior 4-H Club will meet Tuesday at the school at 10:20 a.m.

Pike Road Senior 4-H Club will meet Tuesday at the school at 11:15 a.m.

The W. S. C. S. of Ramer Methodist Church will meet Tuesday afternoon.

Pike Road Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. E. T. Davis.

Pintlala Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., at the school. A program on forest fire prevention will be given with the cooperation of the Montgomery County Sportsmen's Association, and Judge Walter B. Jones will be guest speaker.

Snowdoun Woman's Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. Walker with Mrs. James McLean assisting hostess.

Ramer Junior 4-H Club will meet Wednesday at the high school at 10:40 a.m.

Ramer Elementary 4-H Club will meet Wednesday at the school at 9:30 a.m.

Ramer Farm Bureau will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school with Judge Leon McCord as guest speaker.

Mt. Carmel Civic Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the club house.

Grady Round Table Club will meet Thursday with Mrs. A. J. Bigger and Mrs. G. L. Harris for the annual Christmas party.

Pike Road Farm Bureau will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with Judge Robert T. Simpson, Jr., as guest speaker.

A 4-H Club pig show will be held at Pine Level School Friday at 2 p.m. under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery and prizes will be awarded by the Alabama National Bank.

Cleveland Avenue 4-H Club will meet Friday at 4 p.m.

A Farm Bureau meeting will be held at Snowdown Club House Friday at 7:30 p.m. with C. F. Attaway, assistant State forester in charge of forest fire control, as guest speaker.

December 13, 1943

Montgomery County News by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Dec 12

Mutterings of a county correspondent: A biscuit with butter and sugar in it was the backbone of the rural school lunch when one-teacher rural school were the style . . . Leo Marchantz, wholesale dry goods merchant of Montgomery, tops off his weekly luncheon at the Rotary Club with a hot roll and butter and sugar sandwich . . . Seeing it brought back early school days and lunches of the pre-consolidated school era . . . Who remembers mothers putting a hot baked potato or hardboiled egg in each coat pocket to keep small children's hands warm while walking considerable distance to school? . . . the Jones children of Catoma had a school lunch special that can't be beat today . . . Their mother hollowed out corn muffins by removing the crumb and filled them with grits and gravy and crisp bacon . . . If you don't believe it's delicious, try it . . . Then there was the after-school special the minute one arrived home, the biscuit with a finger poked in the hole filled with cane syrup . . . Dan Winn, wholesale candy merchant of Montgomery, and Will Paterson, florist, can tell you all the glories of this particular delicacy with none of the delectable qualities lost in the telling.

Thomas H. Edwards, one of the county's best loved employees, and incidentally the oldest employee in point of continuous service in the county courthouse, is up from a recent attack of flu, the old-fashioned kind that left one wobbly in the knees for months afterwards. After seeing city residents struggle with point values and ration books, it is easy to believe country people are the luckiest people in the world . . . Very few rural women of this county find it necessary to use all their ration books.

Saga of Montgomery County rural women in 1943: Mrs. Jesse Paulk sold \$83.80 worth of blossoms from one cape jessamine bush in her yard . . . Mrs. Josh Gillespie of Pike Road Civic Club made 50 points of cheese at home . . . Twenty-one 4-H Club girls in the Sears victory garden and canning contest canned 2,580 quarts of vegetables from their gardens . . . Hundreds of rural mothers canned fruit and vegetables for their children living in the city . . . Rural women served 316 days for the Red Cross, made 1,917 garments, knitted 194 articles and furnished 82 kits for soldiers . . . Snowdown women were in the lead with an active chapter meeting every Thursday . . . Mrs. P. H. Harris of Ramer proved by experiment the success to be achieved in beautification of homes grounds with native plants and shrubs . . . Her yard is beautiful with growing things transplanted from the woods and fields . . . Frankly, its beauty is a traffic hazard . . . It is impossible to pass without staring and forgetting to watch the road . . . A clump of pampas grass in the back yard, visible from the road, like to have been my undoing more times than can be told.

County women are making electric brooders and using them with great success . . . Another phase of poultry work showing great improvement in 1943 was the quality of eggs . . . It used to be said eggs from Montgomery County farms would not stand up under cold storage . . . Due to correct feeding and care of flocks, that condition has been conquered . . . Sometimes this correspondent wonders what

breed of hens Mrs. H. M. Pirtle, of Hope Hull has . . . Ten out of a dozen eggs bought from her at the curb market had two yolks . . . It was like getting two dozen for one . . . Steam pressure cookers are a regular piece of kitchen equipment in hundreds of farm homes . . . Regular exchange of practical ideas, information and experiences at club meetings has advanced the standard of rural living appreciably. No doubt the women were responsible for 37 dwellings in the county being remodeled in 1943, six sewage systems and six running water systems, and eight modern heating systems being installed . . . They are probably due to credit, too, for 104 homes having better storage space arrangements, 201 having improved arrangements, 294 rooms being painted and 121 papered, the women doing much of the painting and papering themselves.

New screens were installed by 114 homes and 407 improved their home grounds . . . Eighty-six planted windbreaks, 15 installed electric lights and 11 began the use of electric equipment to improve their income . . . Sixteen installed sanitary closets . . . These are by no means all the county people making home improvements . . . They are just the ones willing to spend a few minutes answering a questionnaire.

Pinedale Civic Club members set a new high in home improvement activities in 1943. Members answering the questionnaire of the home agent report 29 rooms painted, 10 homes papered, 25 rooms refinished, two rooms added to dwelling houses, and one closet remodeled . . . Twelve pieces of furniture were painted or rebuilt, 14 were recovered and innumerable small details were improved . . . Two homes installed waterworks with complete plumbing system and septic tanks . . . Six painted their houses . . . Three added porches . . . Five installed new screens throughout and four screened windows and doors.

Two homes were given new roofs, 30 painted or torn down and rebuilt outhouses, 18 built or repaired fences, 20 made new gardens and 30 improved, their chicken yards . . . Forty-five made new flower beds and 50 planted new shrubs around their homes.

Farmers of this county built 43 farm ponds in 1943, terraced 1,150 acres of farm land, bought 42 tractors and 18 combines besides small machinery and tools . . . Four-H clubs enrolled 287 boys and girls of which 243 boys and 279 girls completed the prescribed club work for the year . . . Forty-nine boys and 108 girls were in first year 4-H work, 76 boys and 86 girls in second year, 84 boys and 41 girls in third year, 41 boys and 23 girls in fourth year, 20 boys and 19 girls in fifth year, 15 boys and six girls in sixth year and two boys and one girl in seventh year.

Montgomery County in the service: Cecil Stubbs, formerly of Pine Level, is in the Marines in San Diego, Calif. . . . You can add holiday happiness to four Pintlala Community boys by writing them as follows: Thomas Chesnutt, Rd. M. 2d class, U. S. S. Fletcher, (DD 445) C. Division, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. . . . Staff Sergt. Gus Boyd, Jr., 14090809, 951<sup>st</sup> Signal R. I. Co. APO 4768, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . . Sergt. Alex R. Garrett, Apt. 91, The Hilcrest, Salt Lake City, Utah . . . Dr. R. M. Garrett, St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Pfc. James W. Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vann W. Williamson, Mt. Carmel community, has returned to the Army Air Base, DeRidder, La., after visiting at home . . . Byard E. Sooy, Jr., husband of the former Martha Helen Brooks, of Ramer, has been promoted to rank of first lieutenant at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he is in the artillery regiment of a Marine Division . . . They will receive Christmas greetings mailed to Box 81, Laguna Beach, Calif. . . . Pfc. George B. Shellman, Jr., of Cecil, has transferred from Columbia, S. C. to August, Ga. . . . Lieut. J. P. Hicks, of Dublin, will receive mail addressed to 454d Bomb Squadron, 323d Bomb Group, APO 638, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . .

.Aviation Cadet Bernard Hall, of Snowdown, who used to be president of Montgomery County Council of 4-H Clubs, is always happy to receive mail from Montgomery County . . . His address is: Cadet Detachment, NAAF-44 C, Newport, Ark . . . Corp. William Walton McClain, formerly of Dublin, would like letters from home . . . His address is: Medical Detachment, 70<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, APO 860, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . . Two Macedonia community youths in service will get mail as follows: Pvt. Ralph L. Hooks, 34804367, APO 15005, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . . Pfc. Joe T. Hooks, 31<sup>st</sup> Q. M. Company, APO 31, Camp Pickett, Va . . . Ensign Mary Virginia Elgin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Elgin, of Catoma, who used to teach at Ramer is having a swell time in the U. S. Navy . . . Mail will reach her at this address: Staff Personnel, NATC, Corpus Christi, Texas. Her brother, Corp. Virgil C. Elgin, Jr., who chose the Army in which to serve, has the following address: Division Hdq. Co. 2d Armored Division, APO 252, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y. . . .Pfc. Roy Bagley of Montgomery who spent so much time with Bernard Hall at Snowdown until the county claims him too, will get mail sent to 600 PSS Barracks 235, Amarillo Air Base, Amarillo, Texas . . . Harold K. Scarborough, Old Selma Road, received his pilots wings last week at Marianna, Fla. Air Field . . . William Walter Sellers of Sellers community captain in the Air Corps, came home from more than a year's service overseas . . . And Capt. Charles A. Paludan, of Naftel, came back from a long period of service in the combat area with the Merchant Marine . . . Both the youthful Captain Sellers and the 63-year-old Capt. Paludan wore decorations for exceptional service. Mr. and Mrs. James Andrews, of Dublin, have stars in their window for two boys . . . who will be happy to receive mail at the following addresses: Pvt. George F. Andrews, ASN 34703518, Co. B. 393d Engineers Rt. (SS), camp Claiborne, La, U. S. Army . . . Pvt. H. M. Andrews, 434<sup>th</sup> Q. A. Depot, (Supple), APO 709 San Francisco, Calif . . . Serfg. Jesse C. Edge . . . son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Edge, of Bethlehem community, received his aerial gunner's wings recently at Harlingen Army Air Field, Texas . . . Sergt. Jack Boone has transferred from Mississippi to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo . . . He is another Ramer boy home from overseas with decorations for gallantry in action . . . Sam Thompson, of Grady, Rt. 2, a chief steward in the Seabees, is home on honorable discharge after more than 12 months service in Guadalcanal with the first invasion forces.

What's happening in the county this week:

Pike Road P. T. A. will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at the school.

Catoma P. T. A. will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Chisholm 4-H Club will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the school.

Pinedale Civic Club will be entertained at luncheon and a Christmas party Tuesday at 1 p.m. by members of Cross Roads neighborhood at the home of Mrs. James McInnis.

The W. S. C. S. of Pine Level Methodist Church will meet Tuesday at the church at 3 p.m.

Hunter Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

Ramer Baptist W. M. S. will meet Tuesday at the regular hour with Mrs. C. M. Brooks and Mrs. E. W. Collier as hostesses and Mrs. Collier as leader.

Pike Road Junior 4-H Club will hold a Christmas party Wednesday with Miss Agnes Johnson in charge.

Brewer Heights Civic Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Cloverdale 4-H Club will meet Wednesday at the school at 9:45 a.m.

Pine Level 4-H Club will meet Thursday at 10:45 a.m. at the school.

Smilietown Community Club will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. for the annual Christmas party.

LeGrand Civic Club will hold its annual Christmas party, Friday day at the home of Mrs. W. Earnest Tucker.

Ramer Dramatic Club will present a play, "Candle in the Window," Friday at Montgomery County High School.

Pintlala P. T. A. will sponsor a Christmas tree Friday at the school for the pupils. The regular meeting for December will be suspended.

December 20, 1943

Montgomery County News by Mildred Smith

Ramer, Ala., Dec. 19

Mutterings from a county correspondent: What has become of the brass dinner bell used by farm people a few years ago to call the family to meal? . . . I never see dinner announced that way any more . . . The dinner bell used by my family, a big brass one that could be heard a long way, has degenerated into a kitchen doorstep . . . I cannot look at it without a nostalgic feeling for the days when it served a better purpose . . . It would be nice to be called to Christmas dinner by a brass bell . . . I hope everybody who has one will use it this Dec. 25.

Last Christmas a big dinner bell that was once used to call travelers to meals at a stage coach inn in California was dedicated to a group of children in the Citizens Corps of Altadena and all the children of the world . . . Called "The Children's First Victory Bell of America," the purpose of its dedication was to help younger children to a deeper love of this country through greater appreciation of school bells, church bells and all the bells of America. The Children's Victory Bell has a slogan: "We are builders together for a world peace". The idea swept the Western States and mothers wrote the founder of the Victory Bell idea, Edith Iredale That they wanted to dedicate their bells. One wanted to dedicate a sheep bell and a cow bell to the children who help with cattle on the plains, "and all the children in the world that they may not go hungry." Another had a very old bell who wanted it dedicated to the pioneer teachers who helped lay the foundation of democracy because she herself had once taught in the "little red school house." Still another, mother of a son in a Jap prison, wanted his sleigh bells dedicated to "all the children of the world that they may have steadfast love for all mankind."

Many rural families of this county must still have their brass dinner bells . . . I'd like to think that next Saturday every bell will be brought out and rung for Christmas dinner for the privilege of being an American, for those brave boys and girls of Montgomery County in the fight to preserve liberty and especially for those who have given their lives.

Despite war, there are many bright things in the Christmas season now at hand . . . Friendships, turkey dinners, Christmas carols, good food and clothing, and Christmas greeting cards . . . First cards to reach this column brought messages from Mrs. S. U. Turnipseed and Miss LaMargaret Turnipseed of Ramer, and June Hancock, of Grady . . . Other early arrivals brought greetings from Gilbert Sellers family of Ramer; Johnnie Rebecca Fannin, of Montgomery, formerly of Ramer; Lillie Bell and Shaver Wilhoite, who moved from Dublin to Montgomery; Margaret Lee Taylor Baldwin, formerly of Mt. Carmel, now in Washington, D. C. Maj. and Mrs. Charles Cater (Sara Fannin, of Dublin) of Atlanta; Corp. and Mrs. William Binkley (Marjorie Cherry, of Ramer) of Columbus, Miss., Air Field; Sue Jones, of Catoma; Pauline

and Patsy Wilhoite, of Montgomery, formerly of Dublin and from Will Henry and Johnnie B. McClain, two of the best negroes who ever worked for me, now living in Massillon, Ohio.

Also arriving last week were greetings from Junia Stoner, of Pinedale community and Virginia Tucker, of LeGrand community, two club members who served faithfully as reporters during the year . . . Mrs. T. C. Thompson, of Smilietown, whose son is home because of physical disabilities received in more than a year's service in Guadalcanal, sent a wish for a merry Christmas, adding, "And my God grant us peace." . . . From Grady came greetings from Whit and Sallie Athey and the Mills families . . . Julia Mae Bolling, of Pike Road, combined a note of Christmas and New Year wishes with a prayer for "a world at peace in the near future."

From the city early arrivals were from Olivia Bell, former secretary to Mrs. Mamie Thorington, home agent, now a member of the tax assessor's staff; from her daughter, Carolyn Trafford, and from two of the city's best liked musicians, John Todd, vocalist, and his wife, Alton, pianist. Thank you, one and all. The best of Christmas wishes to you.

Montgomery County at war: Leon Somerall, husband of Julia Wilkerson, of Ramer, was recently promoted to corporal in the U. S. Army Air Forces at the Army Air Base, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C. . . . James Churchwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Churchwell, of LaPine, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned as a weather officer in the U. S. Army Air Forces at Chanute Field, Ill., after a course in meteorology . . . Thomas Dubose, of Pine Level, would rather have a letter for a Christmas present than anything else . . . His address is: Pfc. Thomas Dubose, 14054987, 22d Photo Squadron, APO 633, Care Postmaster, New York City . . . Another Pine Level boy will receive mail as follows: Pvt. Charles O. Rawls, 34703508, Cn., Co., 143d Infantry, APO 36, Care Postmaster, New York City . . . Corp. and Mrs. William E. Binkley (Marjorie Cherry) will receive mail addressed to 611 Third Avenue, North, Columbus, Miss. . . . Sergt. and Mrs. James T. Baldwin (Margaret Lee Taylor) will receive mail addressed to 117 Ninth Street, N. E. Washington, D. C. . . . Lobman and Melvin Guy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Guy, of Mt. Carmel, have a way of finding each other in foreign lands . . . First in Africa, Lobman was followed by Melvin and they were close enough to visit several times a week . . . Now they have repeated this performance in Italy . . . Pat Mulcahy, Jr., grandson of Jason H. Smith, of Snowdown and Montgomery is now a first lieutenant . . . Lieut. Mace, husband of the former Joy Parker, of Pine Level, has been transferred from Tuscaloosa to Maxwell Field . . . Their address is 705 St. Charles Avenue, Capitol Heights, Montgomery . . . Pvt. Joe Stowers, Jr. of LaPine, has completed basic training at the Armored Replacement Training Center, Fort Knox, Ky.

Recipes of the week. An easily made Christmas candy may be made by running one-fourth cup of raisins, one-fourth cup of peanuts and one shredded wheat biscuit through a food chopper, and stirring the mixture into one-half pound melted sweetened chocolate. Pour on a buttered tin and cut in squares. A quickly made candy may be prepared by stirring puffed rice in melted sweetened chocolate and forming in small balls. If you are in a hurry, a pound of sugar melted in a skillet and poured over chopped nuts' turns out a wonderful nut brittle, provided the nuts are not chopped too small and the candy is spread thin so it will break easily.

Something different is potato chocolate creams, made this way: Bake an Irish potato, peel, mash well, and add powdered sugar till the mixture will take no more. Work until it is a smooth white mass, then break into small pieces, roll into balls, and dip in melted chocolate to which a small piece of paraffin has been added. Place on oiled paper to harden. Nuts placed on top add to taste and appearance.

What's happening in the county this week:

Sallie Smith, of LaPine, will give her first piano recital Monday at 8 p.m. at the home of her teacher, Miss Lucy Webster. All lovers of music are invited.

A White Christmas program will be given Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Pine Level Methodist Church.

Chesser Community Club will meet Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Grady-Dublin Home Club will hold its annual Christmas meeting Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the club room. Each member is requested to bring a gift for the club tree.

A community carol singing with scenes of the nativity will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Pinedale Chapel.

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Montgomery County News by Mildred Smith

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Mutterings of a county correspondent: Christmas Day was cold and rainy . . . Brrr . . . There was warmth in being with family or friends . . . Few families but had broken circles with one or more children in the service . . . The true Christmas spirit seemed more abroad this year than I've noticed before . . . Last year, my Christmas morning story on the front page about carols and spirituals sung at the postoffice by employees on Christmas Eve stood out as the article I enjoyed most writing in 1942 . . . Taking fir place in 1943 was my Christmas morning story of the finding of two local men reported missing in action in Java for two years . . . When this global storm and strife is over then it will really be Christmas.

After serving as State poultry inspector for seven years, W. Baxter Collier of Grady, has resigned his office . . . Believe it or not, the U. S. patent office has assigned rights to RCA for luminous theater chairs enabling patrols to find seats in the dark and give the customer a suntan bath in the bargain . . . That's only an inkling of what the postwar Theater will be like . . . Fourteen best selling books will be made into movies soon . . . Have you read them? Scheduled for screening by 20<sup>th</sup> Fox, they are: "The Son of Bernadette," by Franz Werfel; "Guadalcanal Diary," by Richard Tregaskis; "Happy Land," by MacKinley Kantor; "Only The Stars Are Neutral," by Quentin Reynolds; "Keys of the Kingdom," by A. J. Cronin; "Last Train From Berlin," Howard K. Smith; "One Destiny," Phil Strong; "Col. Effringham's Raid," Berry Fleming; "Ambassador Dodd's Diary," by the late Ambassador Dodd, which will reach the screen under the title "Now It Can Be Told,"; "One World," Wendell Willkie; "I Escaped from Hong Kong," Jan Henric Marsman; "All Out Arlene," H. I. Phillips; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith; "Centennial Summer," Albert E. Idell.

Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington, county home agent, was showered with gifts of home-canned fruits and vegetables by members of several rural clubs . . . Music is an incentive to action . . . Disbelievers should take a look into the cake-baking kitchen of Mrs. Herman Smith . . . Five helpers keep time to the radio music, patting their feet and wielding mixing spoons in perfect unison . . . A great musician says America is on the threshold of being the greatest music center of the world.

Vapor trails left by B-24 Liberator bombers from Maxwell Field making oxygen tests recently had all the rural people wondering what phenomenon of the skies was taking place . . . Field official say the vapor

trails may happen often in future . . . Field officials say the vapor trails out to visit the Red Cross canteen at the Union Depot in Monterey and the Red Shield Club for servicemen, operated by the Salvation Army across from the new postoffice . . . It is amazing what is being done at both places for service men, especially those en route from one station to another and in the city only a few hours . . . After working all day Christmas Eve at the courthouse, Mrs. Louise Champion, tax assessor, served sandwiches and coffee at the canteen to service men till 2 a.m., then drove to Pensacola to spend Christmas Day with her own service man, her youthful son, Navy Aviation Cadet Lamar Champion . . . That is an example of the war work hundreds of city women are doing. . . Rural women could help immensely by sending sandwiches and cakes or cookies to the canteen and the Red Shield Club . . . Home-canned pickles, etc., that could be used in making sandwiches would be acceptable contributions . . . There is a Red Shield Club on every fighting front in the world . . . A sandwich or cookie given here may mean that your own soldier is getting a sandwich or cookie in Africa, India, China or where ever he may be . . . It is something for the rural civic clubs to think about when making next year's projects.

People of Snowdown community made merry at a Christmas tree at the Methodist Church Christmas Eve night. Strictly personal to Mrs. C. O. Jones, of Snowdown: the quince crop was a failure this year.

Acknowledging Christmas greetings from: Sally Smith, a charming little girl of LaPine . . . Carolyn Hancock, at home in Grady from Alabama College . . . Louise Durden and family, of Bayou LaBatre, formerly of Deblin. Principal P. H. Harris, of Montgomery County High School, and Mrs. Harris . . . Joe and Marion Fannin and baby Marion, of Ramer . . . May F. Jones, of Snowdown . . . Guinndolyn Felton, of Eutaw, formerly of Ramer.

From: Annie Laurie Guy, of Mt. Carmel . . . Beatrice Hicks, of Port Arthur, Texas, formerly of Dublin . . . Horace G. Wilhoite, of Montgomery, formerly of Grady and Dublin . . . Mrs. T. V. Reynolds and family, of Friendship community . . . Mrs. C. M. Smith and Mrs. Jim Collier, of Ramer . . . Max Fannin, of Warner Robins, Ga., formerly of Dublin and Montgomery . . . Mrs. Ronald Sellers, of Mt. Carmel community  
From: Mrs. J. W. Sellers, of Ramer . . . Rev. Griffin Lloyd, of Ramer . . . Aviation Cadet Bernard Hall, of Newport, Ark, Basic Flying School . . . the C. O. Rawls family, of Macedonia community.

Mrs. J. C. Edge of Bethlehem community . . . Mrs. E. L. Rogers and Mrs. Harry Sallee, of Letohatchie . . . Mrs. O. C. McNeill, of Macedonia community . . . Mrs. R. F. Carr, of LeGrand.

From: Maj. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, formerly of Ramer, now of Cambria, Calif., where Maj. Smith is with the 81<sup>st</sup> Wildcat Infantry Division . . . Joy Parker Mace, formerly of Pine Level, now of Montgomery, where her husband is stationed at Gunter Field . . . Judge Walter B. Jones, of Montgomery . . .Sergt. Robert Hugger, of Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky., formerly on The Advertiser staff . . . Johny and Charles Reddoch, of Fleta . . . Joe Ridolphi, of the County Circuit Court . . . Edith Myer, of the Court of Common Pleas . . . Neilson and Bea O'Rear, former Montgomerians, now living in Arlington, Va. . . Betty Aldridge, former librarian at Carnegie Library, Montgomery, her husband, Jack, and the dog, Sansa . . . Bill Myrick, former Holtville schoolboy, the newest man (he's 16) on The Advertiser staff . . . Mrs. T. E. Stripling, Advertiser switchboard operator.

With our boys in the service: Pvt. James E. Price, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Murley Price of Mobile, formerly of Dublin, is somewhere in the Southwest Pacific area . . . Another son, Joe Harry Price, gunner's mate, 3<sup>rd</sup> class in the U. S. Navy, is overseas and is a veteran of three of the most important battles with the Japs, the battle of Midway, the battle of the Solomon Islands, has been in the Navy for nine years and is currently stationed in the Panama Canal Zone . . . While the sons are in the wars, the parents are doing defense work at the Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company in Mobile . . . When the war is over,

they expect to come back to Dublin where they have purchased the former W. E. Raley home . . . A daughter, Betty Price, is continuing her studies at Montgomery County High School at Ramer, but is in Mobile with her parents for the holidays.

Promotion of Maj. Charles S. Carter, air liaison officer for headquarters, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, to the rank of lieutenant colonel, was announced Christmas Eve in an official communication from the Fourth Service Command Headquarters to this column . . . Lieut. Col. Carter is the husband of the former Sara Fannin of Dublin and they now reside at 55 LaFayette Drive, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. . . . The communication continues: "Col. Carter was a construction engineer for Robert and Company, Atlanta, before entering the Army in July, 1941. He had held a reserve commission in the Army since 1923, and upon completion of his Air Corps training at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, his diploma was written as an air service diploma, as the Air Corps was then called. He acts as adviser to the service commander and his staff on all matters at headquarters pertaining to the Army Air Forces. He received a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech, Atlanta, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity."

Pfc. John M. Harris, brother of Mrs. Gordon Harris of Hunter community, is making normal improvement from wounds received in action, according to announcement from the War Department . . . His present address is: 3<sup>rd</sup> General Hospital, APO 763, Care Postmaster, New York City . . . Mrs. Harris' son, Gordon Harold Harris, Jr., seaman 3<sup>rd</sup> class, has returned to Great Lakes after spending a furlough at home . . . He is in the best of health and thinks the Nave is the "grandest thing in the world." . . . His address is: Company 1596, USNTS-OGV Camp Green Bay, Great Lakes, Ill. Sergt. Carl McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod of Grady, has embarked for overseas duty . . . So has Lieut. Jesse Lewis McNeil, Son of Mrs. and Mrs. O. C. McNeill of Macedonia community.

Pfc. Marion Turner Payne, son of Mrs. S. R. Payne, of LaPine, has arrived at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., for a special course in the Aircraft Armament School where he will study the operation and maintenance of technical equipment on bombing planes . . . A graduate of Ft. Deposit High School, he worked in Payne's Grocery Store in LaPine until going into service . . . Before going to Lowry Field, he had two years and four months in the Quartermaster Corps as a truck driver and five months in the Air Corps as an aviation student.

Clyde Wayne Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grant of Stones community, is with the Navy in San Diego, Calif. Unable to get home for Christmas, he sent his parents an original poem which has been the rounds to the neighbors, with whom he is an especial favorite. Too long to publish here, Clyde's poem, entitled: "Going Home For Christmas," is probably the unspoken thought of all the boys and girls in service . . . His address is: Clyde W. Grant, Pharmacist's Mate third class, Main Dental Clinic, U. S. N. T. S., San Diego, 33, Calif.

What's happening in the county this week:

Pinedale Civic Club will meet Tuesday at 3 p.m., in neighborhood groups with hostesses as follows: Mrs. W. M. Hays, Crossroads; Mrs. W. H. Baltzer, Narrow Lane; Mrs. Charles n. Putnam, Southside. The Woodley Road group will meet at 1 p.m. for luncheon with Mrs. James Stoner.

A Community party will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Pinedale Chapel with Mrs. R. Frank Mosley directing the program.

Stones Civic Club will meet Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. B. B. Howard.